

THE CHRONICLE.

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The President Improving.

The latest advice from the bedside of the President state that he is still slowly improving, that he slept well during the night and his pulse is below 100. There is a movement on foot to have him removed from the White House at the earliest possible moment his condition can stand it. This morning, Saturday, he was in what he always, since he was shot, been his worst day, and if he passes through it with even the slightest continued improvement his recovery may be counted on. Dr. Hamilton, during the past week for the first time during his sickness, states that he believes he is going to get well.

SYMPATHETIC INSANITY.

As a remarkable evidence of the intense and universal sympathy which the recent national calamity has awakened in the hearts of the people of the United States, the statement of a distinguished New York physician who has charge of a lunatic asylum, that there has been a very perceptible increase in insanity throughout the country at large during the last few weeks, growing out of the shooting of the President, is perhaps the saddest. He states that a careful inquiry into the immediate cause of the mental unbalancing of these unfortunate people is nearly always more or less related to the attack upon him, to his long and painful illness and the brave struggle between life and death which he has so long maintained. The papers of the country daily contain accounts of persons with "diseased minds" going away and becoming insane for an insane asylum, or committing suicide, who gave no questionable evidence of having become crazy from dwelling too much and too excitedly upon the enormity of the crime and the sad condition of our suffering President. This is truly a sad evidence of the deep respect and devotion in which the Chief Executive of our patriotic republic is held by its citizens, with out regard to locality or party. And this sincere affection and esteem, as demonstrated in every conceivable form and manner of late, cannot be attributed alone to Garfield personally although every one foresaw in him the evidences of a great and useful president, but simply to the fact that he is by law and in fact, the president of the United States, and they recognized in the dastardly act of Garfield, a menace to the fundamental laws and good order of the country and the establishment of a most foul and heinous precedent.

GEN. WILLIAM C. WICKHAM, of Virginia, has taken the only true and honorable course that was left for him, by refusing to ally himself with his repudiating republican brethren, and declaring that he will support Daniel and the democratic ticket.

In refusing to vote for the repudiation of the obligations of his state, he honors himself and commands the respect of all good citizens. It is stated that Mahoneism daily grows weaker in Virginia, and the Democratic Daniel bids fair to prevail against his enemies and to pass through the Readjuster lions den triumphant and unscathed.

THE MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF THE ARMY OF THE CUMBERLAND, at Chattanooga, on the 21st, and 22d, of this month, bids fair to be one of the largest meetings ever held by the society, and is remarkable in the fact that it is the first meeting ever held in the South. The ex-confederate soldiers of Tennessee, headed by Gen. Frank Cheatham, will be there in full force to give them a hearty greeting.

A memorable and pleasant comingling for the boys of "the blue and the gray."

BISHOP QUINCY preached a sermon at Seaford, England, on Sunday last, in the course of which he referred to the spirit now abroad in the world, to put down all authority and said the dying President was a Christian, who, before the world, dared to take sin by the throat. He was a man who might be killed but not seduced from the right.

THERES now, you obese and perspiring ones, You had better be careful how you endeavor to reduce your rotundity. A lady died the other day, at Long Branch from eating an anti-fat medicine. You had better Tanzenize. There's economy in this method and then its safest.

AMERICA is to have the honor of a visit from Baroness Bartolotti-Coutts, and her darling young "hubbby," the infantile Mr. William Le-mann Ashurst Bartolotti-Coutts-Bartolotti-Coutts. "Let us Americans treat the young things kindly."

It is stated that Governor Foster of Ohio "is making his canvass for re-election with a beer glass in one hand and a lot of clovers in the other." He offers his dear constituents either the foaming lager or whiskey straight, with a clove.

THERE were twenty or thirty alligators discovered in the Cumberland river at Nashville last Saturday. The largest was about fifteen feet long. The people are a little puzzled how to account for the presence of these tropical monsters so far from their usual haunts.

JOHN B. CORBIN, a Cincinnati drummer committed deliberate suicide at Nashville last Saturday, and bequeathed his body to the medical fraternity for dissection in behalf of science.

JOHN T. RAYMOND, the actor, has purchased "My Mother-in-law." What a fool! If he had only advertised that he wanted one, how many could he have gotten for nothing.

Thieves Following Circuses.

We are to have a circus here next Monday the 5th, and another on the 24th, and inasmuch as it is stated that the gang of thieves and sharpers now following shows is much greater than that of former years, we think it would be well for the "greenies" and even those who think themselves too smart to be entrapped by the glib tongue, light fingered, to beware lest the old adage, "a fool and his money are soon parted," be applicable to them. Proprietors of shows, of course, are not responsible for the presence of these "crooks," but on the contrary they do everything in their power to have them brought to justice, but it is a hard task to entrain them and they are seldom run in. It is said by the Dramatic News that the gang of thieves shadowing the different circuses now on the road is composed of some of the slickest of the ilk in the country, and they can appropriate the loose change of the unsophisticated rural rooster or the smart aleck of the city with equal ease and grace. "For ways that are dark and tricks that are not vain, they are indeed peculiar" and it is well to be always on your guard. Among the many little ways of these robbers may be mentioned the slide-box trick, the sand bag or counterfeit money swindle, lotteries, slide jewelry, finding a lost pocket book, bunco, picking pockets in crowds, and a thousand other devices. These swindlers have a living to make and they neglect no way to get money, often even resorting to the robbery of stores and private houses. So let everybody be careful about what they leave their premises unguarded, and let the unwary young man from the country, while he watches "the elephant eat hay with his tail," keep his hand on his pocket-book.

The Dance and Barbecue at Dunbar's.

The grand and barbecue at Dunbar's cave last Tuesday was a grand success, being very largely attended and everything passing off in the smoothest and most pleasant style. The managers of the fair had had nothing undone to make it agreeable and pleasant, providing the greatest abundance of fine barbecued meat and bread for the comfort of the inner man, while Jim Shelton's string band furnished good music for the "light fanstastics." Five or six were kept going all day, interspersed now and then with the delightful and bewitching "fancy dances." It was estimated that there were present during the day, at least seven hundred people, composed of the very best citizens of this city and the surrounding country, as well as quite a number of young ladies and gentlemen from a distance. Everybody present expressed themselves as passing a day of much enjoyment, and were loud in their praises of the very decorous and orderly manner in which the whole affair was conducted. Two or three affidavits of the same kind were made by those who would be much obliged and largely attended by those who love to attend this delightfully cool resort.

A \$15,000 Fire.

There was a fifteen thousand dollar fire in the new court-house on last Saturday, but it was only in the grade of Judge Tyler's office, and consisted in the simple burning of fifteen thousand dollars worth of paid up and retired coupons of Montgomery county bonds. The committee appointed by the County court, consisting of Esquire W. C. Patrick, H. H. Mockbee and I. W. Watson, to examine into the payment and cancellation of these coupons were present with the Judges and after discharging their duty, took a hand in the recreation. This was the amount of county bond coupons which have been retired by Judge Tyler since the first day of January, this year.

THE alarm of fire last Monday night was caused by the bursting of a coal oil lamp in the room of the colored military company's strong-jerry Alley. We understand the lamp did not explode, however, on account of the defective nature of the oil, but from being turned up too high. A considerable blaze, at first was the occasion for the ringing of the fire bell, but it was soon extinguished and the engine did not turn out. And here it is but justice to say that we have not heard of a single explosion from the inferior nature of coal oil since Mr. Jas. T. Wood has been inspector for this city.

Dance at Idaho.

After the days amusement was over at the cave last Tuesday, Prof. Tate engaged the band for the evening and took it over to Idaho Springs, where a number of the young ladies and gentlemen adjourned to and enjoyed a most agreeable dance. The amusement was kept up until near midnight. The ball-room at Idaho is smooth and roomy and is a fine place in which to while away an evening amidst the merry mazes of the dance. Prof. Tate is always indefatigable in his efforts to make his guests have a good time, which they always do.

Forepouch the Renowned.

Will be here with his mammoth circus and menagerie on Saturday, September, the 24th, and it is only necessary to make the announcement to insure a grand gala day for Clarksville and the surrounding country. The name, Forepouch, is within itself a synonym for a first class show, and when it is stated that this is Forepouch's own and only genuine circus and menagerie, we can rest assured that the more announcement will call forth the largest crowd seen in this city for many years.

Home Enterprise.

The ladies of the University and City Park Association have engaged Mr. Rosenplenter to do the proposed work on the College Campus. We understand that he has a beautiful plan and it is expected that the work will be begun at no distant day. The Association was organized June 20th, and this is a tangible token of its success.

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Public School Notes.

The Public Schools began last Monday, as previously advertised. In the Howell School there have been enrolled to date, (Sept. 1) 273 pupils; in the colored school 399; total, 672. By grades, considering both schools, the enrollment is as follows: First grade, 254; second grade, 119; third grade, 95; fourth grade, 82; fifth grade, 48; sixth grade, 36; seventh grade, 22; eighth grade, 7; total, 663. This is about the number of last year at the corresponding time.

The organization of these schools is superior to that of any other previous term. Pupils have been carefully graded; teachers are instructed in special branches (college plan); rules and regulations are well understood and observed by all subordinate teachers and pupils. The spirit in which school duties are performed is most commendable, it being that of cheerfulness rather than forced obedience. No case of corporal punishment so far, nor any other case of misbehavior in the Howell school. No matter which school, or what department of either school is examined, the most thorough system is found to prevail, while that system is carried out in the most orderly manner. It is certainly an impressive sight to see the children in their marches to and from class-rooms, to and from recess grounds and at dismissal.

Prof. Mosley's successor, H. C. Weber, A. M., has undoubtedly captured the affections of his pupils. He has proven to be a fine manager in the best sense of that word. He is a graduate of the University of the South in mathematics, geology, chemistry and mineralogy, and is here direct from Harvard University, where he has been spending a few months in a special course in chemistry with Prof. Mayberry. As a teacher, he has had an experience of about three years, having been assistant chemist at his alma mater, and afterwards principal of a study hall in the Nashville schools. He is a pleasant gentleman and will be cordially received by the citizens of Clarksville.

Mr. Ansley, the city clerk, was educated in the public schools of Cincinnati; has taught seven years, five of them in the Fisk University Nashville. She is succeeding well. All our public schools would be an ornament to any city in the Union.

Dr. Ed. B. Williams' Leg Broken.

Mr. Ed. B. Williams, a well known, and highly esteemed young gentleman of this city, who is now a traveling salesman for the extensive wholesale dry goods house of Messrs. Thomas, Dillrell, Morgan & Co., of Nashville, met with a very serious accident near St. Elmo, Christian county, Ky., last Tuesday afternoon. He had hired a jersey wagon in which he was traveling and carrying several large sized boxes of goods, and was being driven by a young man, who was also a traveling salesman for the same firm, who had been frightened and ran away, running against a tree on the side of the road overturning the wagon, throwing him out and also the large heavy trunks, one of which fell upon his leg above the knee, causing a severe fracture of the thigh. Fortunately he was accompanied by Mr. Geo. Cross, also representing a Nashville firm, who escaped uninjured. The accident happened near the residence of Dr. Joe P. Thomas, who upon being notified, had Mr. Williams carried to his house and gave him the proper medical attention. His family in this city were notified and several of them went up to see him, carrying a conveyance with them and bringing him home. He was advised by Dr. Thomas not to remove him for several weeks yet. He was doing well at last, but his injury, although not necessarily very dangerous, is very serious and painful one and will confine him for a long time. His many friends in this city very sincerely regret to hear of his misfortune and wish him a speedy recovery.

CAVE NOTES.

The barbecue at the cave on Tuesday, was a grand success. Hundreds of pretty girls and gallant boys, good music, perfect order and plenty to eat of the very best. Every man, woman and child at the barbecue seemed to be very happy, but we believe old man Josh Rice was the happiest. Josh can't dance the quadrille but enjoys seeing it. John can't kick it enough for the whole family.

Will Dunlop gave a whole flock of sheep for the barbecue. He never does things by halves.

Why any neighborhood within fifteen miles of the cave, should think of having a picnic or barbecue in the summer, anywhere else, is more than we can comprehend. They have one of the best cooks in the State, grounds already prepared, good seats provided, water of the very best, and any atmosphere you wish from 50° up. You can dance all day and not with a paper collar.

Will Pardue has gotten himself into a scrape. In all future barbecues he will have to serve on the finance committee.

A Merited Compliment.

We clip with pleasure, the following very complimentary notice of the Rev. Jas. D. Barbee, from the Clarksville correspondent (Layman) of the Nashville Advocate:

We are now nearing the close of the second year of Rev. J. D. Barbee's ministrations as preacher in charge of this station. He is a very able man—a good preacher—a good man. We all like him. We would like him for a third term, and for a fourth one also. We would regard it as a calamity to lose brother Barbee, especially at this time while we are struggling to build a new church. I give it as my humble opinion that if his sermons be taken from the first of the year to the close, they will equal those of any man in the Tennessee Conference. He works not only in the pulpit, but in the Sunday-school, with the members of his church, and in every place where duty calls him. We earnestly desire his return to Clarksville.

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NOTES FROM McALISTERS CROSS ROADS.

EDITOR OF CHRONICLE:—If permitted the space in your most valuable paper, I will write you a few notes from this section of the county. Crops, what of the crops, is the all-absorbing topic. Well, about half a corn crop will be raised in the creek bottoms, but it is hard to tell what will be raised out on the ridges. Tobacco, about half a crop in the bottom, and hardly any on the hills.

My better half and myself, accompanied by my son and his wife, took a trip, last week, over to the Cave Mills, Dickson county. The mills are owned by Messrs. Rogers & Norris. It is quite a flourishing business place, there is a flouring mill, a saw mill, a carding machine, cotton gin, blacksmith shop, store and post office.

We struck Tom Rogers at the right time. A protracted meeting was going on under the leadership of Rev. Tom Nesbitt, the circuit rider, assisted by the Revs. Messrs. Scott and Moore, from Dickson county. Two other ministers en route for Waverly, stopped over and assisted brother Nesbitt. There were thirteen mourners at the altar, among whom, I noticed, Tom Rogers and Tom Ellis, there was only one profession up to the time I left.

The crops, in Dickson, away from the creeks, look like starvation, those on Yellow Creek, however, look much better than they do in this neighborhood, and I think will make more than enough to do the farmers there.

I see that the road law is going into effect over the Dickson. We got on a newly made road and found it delightful to ride on and it did not seem to worry our horses to travel it. It made me feel proud of our legislature for the passage of the road law. You show me good roads, good churches, good schools, and I will show you a thrifty people.

Miss Louisa Batson, from Waverly, is at McAlister's Cross Roads, visiting her relatives in this county. She is the daughter of Col. Dick Batson. She says she has no relatives in Waverly, and having got up here and found so many relatives she cannot get around to see them all this year, and therefore will make arrangements to stop at the most central and accessible point and send out for her kin to come and see her.

Don't be alarmed and think we will starve from what I have written about the crops. The people can live on what they would otherwise throw away and waste. Be of good cheer, for I have heard some people say they intend to read your paper next year if it took the last paper and old hen that they had. Yes, they intend to subscribe and next year's candidates will be out and they will also have their cards stuck in the paper. Any man who is too stingy to announce himself in the papers can't get my vote, even if I myself. Who knows but what I may make as good a sheriff as anybody, anyhow?

Yours truly, T. B.

VERNON ITEMS.

Here's a few of our neighborhood items for your paper or scrap basket. The drought still prevails, farmers have become disgusted. Corn crops will be almost a failure.

Irish potatoes will be a perfect failure. Sweet potatoes are as scarce as the "root of all evil." There isn't but enough tobacco raised to keep the "old ladies" in smoking fuel.

Hogs and fowls are dying with cholera. The hymeneal fever has commenced his tours selecting some of the fairest of belles as his victims. Not much sickness now, Dr. Cunningham has had several cases of diphtheria this past week, but all recovered. Mr. Albert Suggs died last week of consumption. Mrs. Katie Underwood had a convulsive child Friday last. We are happy to announce that Mrs. Mary Brown, who has been quite sick for some weeks past is now convalescing.

Miss Mariah Broom, one of Erin's most accomplished ladies, has been the guest of Mr. Jas. Broom and family for several days. A revival of religion is being conducted at Lucas Grove by Rev. Jno. Reagan. Rev. Mr. Owens, of the C. P. church, will begin his protracted meeting at the Cumberland Institute Saturday Sept. 3d.

The Public Schools will open in this district Monday Sept. 5th. Readers you now know as much of our neighborhood as I, but do you know of one who has written to me, if you do, I've "twittered my twit" and lost my chronicle.

THUNDER.

Vernon Aug. 31, 1881.

ROAD OVERSEERS AND COMMISSIONERS.

We clip the following notice in regard to the service of the road overseers and commissioners, from the Wilson County News, and would recommend it to the attention of our own road overseers and commissioners, as the same laws are applicable to all the counties in the State alike:

Under the road law an overseer, appointed by the County Court with his knowledge and consent, could be made to serve, and commissioners appointed under the new road law are in a similar condition. A failure to give bond is indictable, but proof of inability to make a bond will be a good defence. It is said a commissioner cannot resign unless the court accepts. Commissioners and overseers had better enquire into the matter, as the road law matters will no doubt be given in charge to the grand jury.

The Circus and Menagerie of Shelby, Pullman & Hamilton, which exhibited here on Tuesday last, is first-class in every respect. The jumping, tumbling, feats of strength and performance of trained animals were excellent, and equal to anything ever exhibited in this city. "Zazel," diving from the dome of the tent and being shot from a cannon, created a startling spectacle. One laudable feature was the absence of trickery and imposition which many of the circuses practice in endeavoring to get people to remain to the end of the season.

Having suggested the insolvency of the estate of Henry Ramsey, deceased, notice is hereby given that the creditors of said estate are to file their claims against said estate to file with the clerk of said court, on or before the 1st day of March, 1882, or they will be barred.

Attest: J. M. RICE.

Sept. 3, 1881-4.

Strayed or Stolen.

A dark sorrel horse, about 15 hands high, heavy built, and in fine condition, with his legs fully shod. Had on when strayed a light colored cloth. In ten years old, owned by John Smith and owned while by Mr. Randolph of Christian county, Ky. A reward will be paid for his return to the owner.

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THE ONLY FOREPAUGH!

We are pleased to announce the prospective arrival here of the great Forepouch show, which is billed to exhibit here Saturday, September 24, 1881.

This show, always one of the best on the road, has been greatly enlarged and enhanced in attraction by the addition of a number of novel and startling specialties that are presented by no other management. Mr. Forepouch has been before the public for the past 17 years continuously, and during that time has earned a reputation for enterprise and reliability that is as enviable as it is rare. One of the most praiseworthy features of Mr. Forepouch's show has always been the absolute order and decorum, and total absence of anything whatever that could offend the most sensitive taste. In all cities where they exhibit, the clergy will be found among the most zealous patrons, laughing at the humorists of the community and heartily applauding the specialties, particularly the trained animals in their almost human performance.

The Zoological department is by far the most extensive and varied that ever was controlled by any manager. Mr. Forepouch has spared no expense in securing the most valuable and rare animals to be procured, and as a result he is enabled to carry every city to city a host of beasts of the field and jungle, birds of prey, songsters, and those of gorgeous plumage, and delicate competition and rivals in interest and extent the famed zoological gardens of the Old World. He exhibits a number of trained animals and tricks and evolutions that seem incredible in print, introduces 26 trained elephants, and 22 educated horses and ponies, and mimicking monkeys, dancing bears, racing giraffes, trained horses, educated mules, performing ponies, trained lions, kangaroos, discharging zebras, and a "happy family" of acrobatic apes, cats, dogs, badgers, beavers, birds, porcupines and other animals.

The specialty artists are all from the foremost ranks of the profession, none but stars being engaged. We will show you a thrifty people. Miss Louisa Batson, from Waverly, is at McAlister's Cross Roads, visiting her relatives in this county. She is the daughter of Col. Dick Batson. She says she has no relatives in Waverly, and having got up here and found so many relatives she cannot get around to see them all this year, and therefore will make arrangements to stop at the most central and accessible point and send out for her kin to come and see her.

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A Worthy Tribute.

We, the members of the Fourth Quarterly Conference of the Port Royal circuit, having been fully and efficiently served for the last four years, by our beloved presiding elder, Rev. Wellborn Mooner, therefore be it

Resolved, That we recognize in him a faithful, able and earnest minister, one who has fully discharged all his duties during his stay in our midst, having so far as our knowledge extends never missed a Quarterly Conference.

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend him as an efficient officer, faithful and devoted minister to any people whom he may hereafter serve.

Resolved, That we tender him and his affectionate, devoted wife, and pleasant family, our prayers for the same success and usefulness in their labors, that attended them in our midst.

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IMPERIAL & NORTHERN of Lond., 1,851,811

NORTH BRITISH and MERCANTILE, of London and Edinburgh, 1,958,089

GUARDIAN, of London, 944,761